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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re application of |) | Examiner: RIVERA, WILLIAM ARAUZ |
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| KEITH E. SHERMAN et al |) | |
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| Serial No. 10/666,613 |) | Art Unit: 3654 |
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| Filed: 09/18/2003 |) | Docket No.: N1080 |

Title: LINE TENSIONING AND COUPLING DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005, please amend the above-captioned application.:

A petition to extend the time to respond is enclosed herewith to extend the time one month from April 26 to May 26.

The claims are being amended as follows:

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